

# Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

## A Diplomatic Conversation:

*Secretary of State Cordell Hull & Japanese Ambassador Nomura and Special Envoy Kurusu*

**Instructions:** Create comments and responses from the documents: *The Approach of War, A Sudden Meeting, The Fourteen Part Message*. Secretary Hull's description of his meeting with the Japanese diplomats, in response to *The Fourteen Part Message*, is in the document, *A Sudden Meeting*. Before the Japanese diplomats leave, have Secretary Hull read a few of the statements from the Fourteen Part Message and have the Japanese Ambassador and Envoy respond each time, "Mr. Hull..." in a pleading tone. Mr. Hull's last comment will be "Go!" The Ambassador and Envoy will exit without additional comment. Secretary Hull will continue to list aloud the reasons for war provided by the Japanese, sighing and shaking his head. He realizes that further diplomacy would be futile. Why was Japan going to war with the United States? Be prepared to share these listed reasons for war with the class.

Identify the main topic(s) of document: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS BY  
SECRETARY OF STATE HULL

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